Reduction of fees for Game licenses.

Messrs Baba Sab, Tarikere Taluk, Ingalagondil Santappa Setti, Yedahalli Sub-Taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

(2) Formerly, the fee payable was eight annas in the case of shooting licenses and four annas in the case of gun licenses. Ever since the increase of the fee to Rs. 5 in the case of shooting licenses and the imposition of fresh restrictions, people are subjected to much hardship. All cannot afford to purchase a license for Rs. 5. Besides they are afraid of purchasing gun licenses lest they should be taken as violating the Game Rules in case they shoot any animals under unavoidable circumstances. The consequence is that tigers and bears have begun to infest areca gardens and towns. This has been the prime cause for the neglect of gardens and other lands and for affording facility for robbers to commit house-breaking and theft. It is therefore requested that in the case of the malnad at least the former rate of fees may be revived. This will not only secure safety to the people but will be profitable to Government.

Reply of Government.—There seems to be much misconception on the subject.

Wild animals are not included in the definition of "Game" in the Game Regulation. For shooting tigers, etc., it is unnecessary to take out a game license and pay Rs. 5. Under Rule 18 of the Arms Rules licenses to possess arms are issued without fee for a term of five years to persons who require arms for the destruction of wild beasts doing injury to human beings, cattle or crops.

SUBJECT No. 54.

Exemption of persons paying an assessment of not less than Rs. 200 from the operations of the Arms Regulation.

Messrs. Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda and Nanjundaiya, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The patels are at present permitted to possess arms without licenses. It is requested that a similar concession may be extended to every person who pays not less than Rs. 200 as land revenue to Government.

(2) Also a person who has been once a Representative Member may be permanently exempted.

Reply of Government.—Exemptions are granted in individual cases on application. No general exemption as proposed is called for.

(2) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Exemption of Municipal Commissioners from the Arms Regulation.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal Commissioners may be exempted from the operation of the Arms Regulation.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered after the new Municipal Regulation is promulgated.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Training of Police Officers and Inspectors in Police Schools and the appointment of a detective Inspector.

Mr. M. Hasan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Police in this State do not know the right way of detecting cases and often make themselves liable to be charged for extortion. The innocent will often be brought into trouble. It is therefore requested that Police Officers and Inspectors may be train-

ed in Police Schools as in the Madras Presidency, and that a detective Inspector may be appointed for the State.

Reply of Government. Most of the Police Officers are being trained in the Head-quarters Police Training School at Bangalore. The subject of forming a detective department is noted.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Levy of Registration fees.

Messrs. Chendrasekharaiya and Gundappa.

Summary of discussion.—Hitherto a fee of 4 annas for every 100 words exceeding the first 300 words in documents offered for registration used to be levied. But now 2 annas is levied for every 100 words in a document. Poor persons who present small documents for registration suffer loss by this new method. It is therefore prayed that a fee of 2 annas may be levied for every 100 words exceeding the first 300 words.

A large number of members prayed that the old rules may be restored.

Reply of Government.—The old rules under which the first 300 words were exempt, and a fee of 4 annas for every 100 words or less in excess of 300 was levied, will be restored.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Reduction of Registration fees on mortgage deeds.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The fee for the registration of a mortgage deed is the same as that levied on a sale deed, while the stamp duty is only half of what is paid for a sale deed. It is therefore prayed that the registration fee on mortgage deeds may also be reduced to half of what it is in the case of sale deeds.

Reply of Government.—Not possible at present: but will be noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Registration office certificates of search.

Mr. Narahariya, Nelamangala Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When loans are taken under the Land Improvement Regulation, the parties are directed to produce a certificate regarding the previous encumbrance on the property to be mortgaged. In the certificates given by the Registration Department for previous mortgages, etc., it is only mentioned that the registers have been given to the parties for search and sufficient time allowed for search and the fee of Re. 1 received. But instead of this a certificate to the effect that no previous transaction was found registered will be a more valuable and useful one.

Reply of Government.—Neither the Regulation nor the rules thereunder require applicants for loans to produce encumbrance certificates.

New rules under the Regulation are under consideration.